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SUBJECT: MORE ON SPD AND DGB PARTICIPATION IN THE
SOVIET WORLD PEACE CONGRESS

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1. SUMMARY. AFTER ARRIVING IN MOSCOW TO ATTEND THE
SOVIET WORLD PEACE CONGRESS, SPD YOUNG SOCIALIST (JUSO)
CHAIRMAN WOLFGANG ROTH INDICATED IN A GERMAN TV INTER-
VIEW THAT HE HAD ALSO COME TO MOSCOW TO SIGN AN
AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIET YOUTH ORGANIZATION KOMSOMOL
LEADER G. JENJEW ON FUTURE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE JUSOS
AND THE SOVIET KOMSOMOL. THE AGREEMENT WAS
SIGNED BY ROTH AND JENJEW IN MOSCOW ON OCT. 25. THE
PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT WERE ALSO PUBLISHED IN THE
SPD VORWAERTS PAPER. END SUMMARY.

2. THE DELEGATION IN REFTEL ALSO INCLUDED JUSO VICE
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CHAIRMAN MICHAEL MUELLER.

3. AFTER ARRIVING IN MOSCOW, JUSO LEADER ROTH REPLIED TO A GERMAN TV REPORTER'S QUESTION "WHAT MOTIVATED THE SPD EXECUTIVE BOARD TO SEND AN OBSERVER DELEGATION TO THE MOSCOW WORLD PEACE CONGRESS FOR THE FIRST TIME" BY SAYING: "THE SPD EXECUTIVE BOARD HAS EVALUATED THE MAJOR IMPORTANCE THE SOVIETS OR THE CPSU AND ITS YOUTH ORGANIZATION ATTACH TO THIS CONGRESS, AND THE SPD EXECUTIVE BOARD THOUGHT IT SHOULD OBSERVE THIS EVENT CLOSELY THROUGH ITS OWN OBSERVERS AND PERHAPS EVALUATE IT POLITICALLY FOR THE SPD'S OWN WORK."

4. ACCORDING TO THE VORWAERTS ACCOUNT, THE ABOVE AGREEMENT IS THE FIRST SIGNED BETWEEN SOVIET UNION AND FRG ORGANIZATIONS AFTER THE EASTERN TREATIES. (FYI: THIS PRESUMABLY MEANS NON-GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT. END FYI.) THE AGREEMENT IS DESIGNED "TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONTENT OF THE TREATY BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE FRG." THE AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR A) COOPERATION ON YOUTH TOURISM PROGRAMS; B) CONTACTS BETWEEN WORKING YOUTH IN BOTH COUNTRIES; C) INTENSIFICATION OF CONTACTS BETWEEN TEACHERS AND EDUCATORS; D) COOPERATION BETWEEN YOUTH EDITORS IN PRESS, RADIO AND TV AS WELL AS MUTUAL EXCHANGE OF YOUTH ORGANIZATION INFORMATION MATERIAL AND EXCHANGE OF SPEAKERS ON VARIOUS THEMES. THIS PART OF THE AGREEMENT IS SIGNIFICANT IN VIEW OF THE "POSITIVE EXPERIENCE GATHERED DURING THE PREPARATION OF THE COMMUNIST TENTH WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL IN BERLIN, VORWAERTS SAID; E) EXCHANGE OF EDITORS OF YOUTH JOURNALS AND MAGAZINES; F) EXCHANGE OF VISITS OF YOUNG PARLIAMENTARIANS AT THE FEDERAL AND STATE LEVEL; G) EXCHANGE OF STUDY DELEGATIONS TO DEAL WITH SPECIFIC SUBJECTS SUCH AS EDUCATION, HEALTH, LABOR-MANAGEMENT CODETERMINATION IN FACTORIES AND IN OTHER SOCIAL AREAS.

5. COMMENT. WE HAD NO PREVIOUS ADVANCE NOTICE ON THIS SOVIET KOMSOMOL AND GERMAN JUSO AGREEMENT AND THERE WAS NO PRIOR PUBLIC STATEMENT. THIS AGREEMENT APPEARS TO MARK A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN PAST SPD POLICY TO AVOID LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SIGNING AGREEMENTS WITH THE SOVIET CPSU. IT ALSO ADDS A NEW INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION TO THE PAST PATTERN OF AD HOC COOPERATION WITHIN THE FRG BETWEEN THE JUSOS, THE DGB YOUTH AND FRG COMMUNIST DKP YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS IN DEMONSTRATIONS AND ACTIVITIES WITH AN "ANTI IMPERIALIST" OR ANTI AMERICAN FLAVOR AROUND SUCH THEMES AS VIET NAM, PORTUGAL, GREECE, SOUTH AFRICA, SPAIN AND MOST RECENTLY CHILE.

ON THE OTHER HAND, SOME GERMAN OBSERVERS VIEW THIS
AGREEMENT AS EVIDENCE OF PROGRESS FOR THE CURRENT CSCE
NEGOTIATIONS ON FREEDOM OF EXCHANGE OF IDEAS, INFORMA-
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